

Mayor Schaumburg called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – Harrison, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Absent - De Cleene

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mayor Schaumburg read the following statement: “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, indicating the time and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda, which notice was posted, made available to newspapers, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Clinton in accordance with Section 3(d) of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the minutes of June 12, 2007 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Ragozine)
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harvey Goldberg, owner of 14 East Main Street, Clinton, stated he has never had a problem renting in 15 years and now finds himself unable to fill a vacancy in one of his units, and believes the lack of parking on East Main Street is the reason. Mr. Goldberg said he would like to make a “pitch for parking” in front of his store on East Main and once again ask the Fire Department to allow parking for residents or merchants. Mr. Goldberg also asked council to consider changing parking regulations from 2 hours to all day parking. Mayor Schaumburg said she will bring this to the attention of the Road Committee for discussion. Negotiations with the Fire Department are still ongoing and the Mayor asked Attorney Cushing to follow up with Fire Department Attorney, Al Rylak.

Mark DiRienz, 69 Center Street, expressed his concerns about the Landsdown Trail, that begins in the Town of Clinton, behind Cyrus Fox Lumber Company, continues to Lower Landsdown Road in Franklin Township. Mr. DiRienz’s main concern is the fact that there is an active gun club in Franklin Township that straddles the trail. Hikers, horseback riders, baby carriages and bikers all use this trail which could be in the path of this club. Mr. DiRienz is concerned with stray weapon discharges, noise and the proximity to the trail. He contacted Director of County Parks, John Trontis and the Freeholders on December 20, 2006 by email and did not receive a reply for 6 months. Recently, Mr. DiRienz spoke to Freeholder, George Muller, and expressed his concerns. Freeholder Muller said he would speak to Director Trontis and ask him to contact Assemblywoman Marcia Karrow. The Gun Club does operate in accordance with State Law. Mayor Schaumburg said she will request a meeting with Police Chief Matheis and the Franklin Township Committee

and will also invite the County and Assemblywoman Marcia Karrow and two Freeholders. Mayor Schaumburg said the Town of Clinton cannot police Franklin Township but will make this discussion public and take it to the press. We need to bring Towns together.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

1. A Special Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Room to award the Clinton Knolls Water Main Replacement and Roadway Reconstruction Project – Phase I, providing there is a quorum.
2. Mayor Schaumburg and Police Chief Matheis met with officials from the Department of Transportation to discuss the problems of Exit 15. Tractor trailers are making wide turns and running over the curb at the Shell gas station, also the blind spot making a left into Town off Route 173 continues to be a problem. Motorists have complained of the blind spot occurring when a truck or SUV is coming off the ramp obstructing the view of the person making the left. All representatives of DOT are aware of the problems and are working on resolving the issues. There is a lot of right-of-way around the property of the gas station and moving the sidewalk behind the utility pole at Shell station is being considered. DOT will not install guardrails, it provides a false sense of security and would not stop a tractor trailer coming over the sidewalk. The work has not been confirmed as yet but engineers are in agreement. A sign placed in the median may be the reason trucks turn sharply, trying to avoid the hitting the sign. DOT asked if there was evidence of the trucks coming over the curb, and in checking, found tire tracks on the sidewalk. Regarding the ramp, the speed limit will not be lowered. They are working on a complicated task of realigning the realignment. A new sign reminding motorists to YIELD to oncoming traffic may be a solution. DOT is also considering re-striping. They will keep Mayor Schaumburg updated weekly of the progress and we should hear within a week of the proposed plan. They do expect to have the problems corrected before the beginning of the new school year.
3. Mayor Schaumburg received a letter from DOT Commissioner, Kris Kolluri in reply to her letter requesting the use of “quiet pavement” for the portion of Route 78 Pavement Preservation project. Wonderful news, NJDOT announced that this project, which was originally scheduled for five years from now, is now scheduled to go to construction next summer and has incorporated the use of “quiet pavement” for the portion that runs through the Town of Clinton in the final design of the project. The pavement is comprised of a rubberized material and has recently been laid in Lawrence Township, Cumberland County. The Town of Clinton will be another test area. When construction of the project is completed, residents can expect noise level reduction within the town limits.

AMY SWITLYCK – SOUND BARRIERS

Clinton Township resident, Amy Switlyck, attended this evening's meeting to request permission from the Town of Clinton regarding petition work in their jurisdiction. Petition subject matter is the request for sound barriers on Route 78. Ms. Switlyck has contacted Senator Leonard Lance, Assembly members, Doherty and Karrow with all the information she originally forwarded to DOT Commissioner Kris Kolluri. Ms. Switlyck has been advised that sound barriers are no longer being installed but urban plantings and landscaping are being recommended. Mayor Schaumburg mentioned the quiet pavement as a possible solution, as previously discussed this evening. Mr. Shea suggested Ms. Switlyck contact Basking Ridge or Denville, areas that have had them installed

and what the differences have been. Ms. Switlyck asked for permission to put out fliers in local stores, stating her cause and asking for suggestions.

BANNER REQUEST

Council is in receipt of a banner request from the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce to display a banner from October 3, through October 17, 2007. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine seconded by Mrs. Insel, to grant the request.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENT – SHAKESPEARE SUMMER FESTIVAL

Council is in receipt of an application from the Clinton Guild to hold Clinton's Shakespeare Summer Festival at the Clinton Red Mill and Main Street on July 8, 2007. The sponsors are the Guild and Franklin Theater Works. The event will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #86-07 – ENDORSEMENT OF BIRDING & WILDLIFE TRAILS PROJECT

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to adopt Resolution #86-07 endorsing the New Jersey Skylands project to create a guide to local wildlife viewing sites in Warren, Sussex and Hunterdon Counties.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

(A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes)

RESOLUTION #87-07 – CHAPTER 159

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Resolution #87-07 inserting an item of special revenue received from the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$4,000.00. The funds were acquired from a Domestic Violence Grant from the Department of Community Affairs for the purchase of equipment for the Police Department.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

(A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes)

RESOLUTION #88-07 - CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT LIQUOR LICENSE

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to adopt Resolution #88-07 approving the Club License #1005-31-002-001 for the Clinton Fire Department for the calendar year 2007-2008.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

(A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #07-11 – MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to adopt Ordinance #07-11 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #07-11

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE TOWN OF CLINTON'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A notice of this Ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review edition of July 4, 2007 and a public hearing will be held on July 24, 2007.

(A copy of this Ordinance is attached to these minutes)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you from Kyle Walsh "Good Kid Award" Voorhees High School recipient, to the Mayor and Council.
2. Mr. Bob Beers, 108 Leigh Street, attended the Ribbon Cutting of 47 Leigh Street on June 20, 2007 and sent a letter to Mr. Cutter complimenting the Town and the Public Works Personnel, "a wonderful team of craftsmen". The letter was co-signed by Dorothy Deitz of 99 ½ Leigh Street also "praising these gentlemen".
3. Another letter of congratulations and praise from Jon W. Mohr, former resident of 47 Leigh, for a "fabulous job of restoration"!
4. Letter of thanks to the Town for hosting the Designing Clinton Workshop from Lisa Intrabartola and Brian Harris, 19 Georges Place. Residents new to the Town of Clinton had an idea to offer about the Moebius Tract, and expressed their thanks for the program. A newsletter summarizing the ideas brought about at the workshop would be "most helpful to fairly new residents".
5. Clinton Square Partnership, Harvey Goldberg, Managing Partner, forwarded an editorial to the Hunterdon County Democrat on the wonderful idea of the hosting the Town of Clinton Design Charrette/ Vision Study on June 16, 2007.
6. Allie McGaheran, Town Historian and former mayor, sent a note of thanks to Mayor Schaumburg for her kindness in letting Mrs. McGaheran cut the ribbon of 47 Leigh Street. The building has long been a part of Mrs. McGaheran heart and vision and is so happy to see the building's renewed beauty.
7. Letter of thanks from the Hunterdon Museum of Art for the Town's \$850.00 annual donation.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Councilman Harrison

1. Water and Roads Committees continue meeting to discuss the Clinton Knolls Project.
2. Water Committee – Marudy Drive Sinkhole being explored by the engineer. Some sinkholes are 18 feet deep. However, the project is going better than expected.
3. Personnel – attempting to schedule meeting
4. Chamber of Commerce, Business & Government Council, introduced Michael Capobianco as the Shared Services coordinator. Mayor Schaumburg arranged to meet with Mr. Capobianco to discuss the Town of Clinton's needs and services.
5. SWAC (Solid Waste Advisory Council) discussing new ways to encourage recycling.

Councilman Shea

1. Roads and Water Committee continue planning the Roads Reconstruction Project for the Clinton Knolls. There will be a public information meeting on July 11, 2007 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Town Engineer, Mr. Clerico, will be in attendance to answer questions from the public and to inform the public of the time line.
2. Environmental Commission endorsing Resolution #86-07 for the New Jersey Audubon Society.

Councilwoman Insel

1. Historic Commission next meeting July 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
2. Smart Growth next meeting August 2 at 7:30 p.m. Hoping to have information from the Community Vision Study held June 16th. It was a great day, approximately 55 residents and 20 professionals attended. It may take 4-6 weeks for a planning proposal to be submitted. The day began with Councilman Harrison touring the Town with the professionals on Mr. Hooper's antique fire truck.
Smart Growth Committee member Richard Urmston has resigned, Walter Hetzel will take his Place.

Mayor Schaumburg took this opportunity to thank Mrs. Insel, Mr. Ragozine and Clerk Covino for their help in organizing this wonderful event.

Councilman Ragozine

1. Buildings and Grounds Committee hosted the Grand Opening of 47 Leigh Street. Another well attended event. Mr. Ragozine thanked Mr. DiRienz for his early efforts in spearheading the project. Thank you to Mr. Cutter for overseeing the entire project and thanks to the clerk for helping plan the opening.

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. Tipping fees down \$9,950.00 over the last 5 months.
2. DeMott Pond project going very well. Expect completion week of July 1st. No complaints.
3. All employees now have photo identification cards, thanks to Tom Tharp and Ceil Covino.

4. Playground equipment being retro fitted to comply with State requirements.
5. Light pole replaced at the tennis court at the Community Center.
6. Marudy Drive sinkhole has taken 80 yards of fill to date, the contractor is very diligent.

APPROVAL OF STAND BY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for June 1 through June 14, 2007.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Harrison, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Harrison, Insel, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 89-07 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 8:32 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to appoint Roger Plaisted acting Water Superintendent through July 1 with a permanent position officially July 1, 2007. Notification will be made to Department of Environmental Protection. Tom Tharp retires June 30, 2007 after 34 years of service to the Town of Clinton.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Shea seconded by Mr. Harrison to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

Regular Council Meeting

June 26, 2007

Christine Schaumburg, Mayor